Selection of officials for training at Nagoya, Japan

2097. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have selected some officials from various States for training at Nagoya in Japan inthe field of Urban Development;

(b) if so, what are the names of the officers state-wise who have been deputed to the above training; and

(c) what was the criteria adopted in selecting of the candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri D. K. Sharma, Director Planning, Government of Himachal Pradesh.

(c) The officers are nominated for various training programmes abroad keeping in view the content of the training programme and the service record, seniority, and background of the officers sponsored by the State Governments/Ministries and Departments of the Government of India.

Recoveries of loans from NCCF

2098. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the United Commercial Bank has been directed to make recoveries of loans, advances from NCCF and also to bring a change in the Management Board of NCCF, as per the latest instructions issued by the Reserve Bank of India and the Ministry and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): Government of India have time to time reviewed the working of the National Consumers Co-operative Federation (NCCF) and impressed upon its management to expand and diversify its business activities, reduce the overhead expenditure, improve the financial liquority by speedy recovery of outstanding dues etc.

In view of the unsatisfactory performance and the economic problem faced by the NCCF, the Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies issued a show-cause notice to the NCCF for the supersession of its Board of Directors. Two members of the Board of Director of NCCF filed a Writ Petition against his show-cause notice in the Delhi High Court which has since been dismissed. The Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies has now initiated further action in the matter.

As regards recovery of outstanding dues from the NCCF by UCO Bank, in accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks and as per the customs and usages prevalent among the bankers, the information relating to an individual constituent of a bank cannot be divulged.

Anti corruption bill

2099. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bill on prevention of Corruption will cover the Employees servicing in the Public Sector Undertakings, autonomous bodies etc. as well;

(b) if so, whether there is any provision in the Bill to protect the services and life of those employees/common man who will come forward to expose the mis-deeds, wasteful expenditure and activities of undue favouritism of the senior officials of the Government/Public Sector Establishments etc.; and

(c) if the reply of part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Instructions exist that informants and witnesses should be afforded sufficient protection and should be saved from harassment. Investigating agencies also do not disclose the names of complainants and protect them. The Prevention of Corruption Bill also provides for the protection of the complaint or decoy from prosecution.

Irregularities in Rajkot Nagrik Sahakari Bank Ltd.

2100. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government or the Reserve Bank of India have received any complaints regarding malpractices done by the Nagrik Co-operative Bank Ltd., if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above Bank is not complying with quite a number of statutory requirements and stipulations laid by the Reserve Bank of India and or Finance Ministry with regard to the functioning of a urban co-operative bank; if so, the details of the irregularities committed by the said bank and the action taken by Government to end such irregularities; and

(c) the details regarding the total deposits of the above bank, the sector-wise advance made by the bank, the uaid-up capital, the number of share holders and the number of nominal members etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The repuisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Development of Super Computer by Russia

2101. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent news reports appearing in a section of the press about Russia developing a super computers; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) how does the Russian computer compare with the American super computer and with those developed by other Western countries; and

(c) whether Government have explored the possibility of acquiring a super computer from Russia; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir. As per the news paper reports Soviet Union has already developed a super computer of capacity 125 million operations per second (MIPs) and is under production, and before 1990 the Soviet scientists would produce a super computer having a capacity of more than 1000 MIPs.

(b) Adequate information on the power of the Soviet super computers is not available so far to make any comparison.

(c) Soviet super computers have been included in the protocol signed by Indo-Soviet Working Group on Computers and Electronics last year.

Participation of NRI's in agriculture

2102. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called upon the Non-Resident Indians to take up rural projects in the selected area of the country in a big way for speeding up the growth of agriculture;

(b) whether any proposal from the NRI's have since been received in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and